

Appl. No. 10/709,847
Amdt. dated March 15, 2006
Reply to Office action of December 15, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Rejection of claims 1, 3, 8, 11, and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a):

Claims 1, 3, 8, 11, and 17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Narusawa (US 2005/0143060).

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Response:

Claims 1, 11, and 17 have been amended to overcome this rejection. Each of these independent claims now contains the limitation "wherein the host transmits confirmation signals to the wireless peripheral only when no speech signals
10 are transmitted between the host and the wireless peripheral." This limitation is supported by the original claims 7 and 15 along with paragraph [0016] of the specification. No new matter has been added through these amendments to the claims.

15 Narusawa does not teach sending confirmation signals from a host to a wireless peripheral only when no speech signals are transmitted between the host and the wireless peripheral.

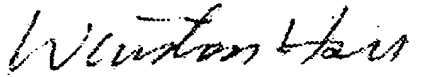
Young (US 5,196,825) only teaches in column 4, lines 38-42 that an
20 SOS signal (second signal) can be transmitted by a transceiver 12 in response to an SOS signal being received by the transceiver 12, or when the transceiver 12 does not receive the first signal. Therefore, Young does not teach that the SOS signal is to be transmitted only when no other signals are transmitted. Young only teaches sending the SOS signal in response to
25 detecting the absence of the first signal, and does not teach that the SOS signal should only be sent when no other signals are transmitted since there are also other times during which the SOS signal is sent.

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Furthermore, Young does not teach sending speech signals between a host and a wireless peripheral, the speech signals having a different priority than control signals. Since neither Narusawa nor Young teach the claimed limitations of "wherein the host transmits confirmation signals to the wireless peripheral only when no speech signals are transmitted between the host and the wireless peripheral", claims 1, 11, and 17 are patentably distinct over the cited prior art.

Claims 2-6, 8-10, 12-14, 16, and 18-20 are dependent on claims 1, 11, and 17 and should be allowed if claims 1, 11, and 17 are allowed. Reconsideration of claims 1-6, 8-14, and 16-20 is respectfully requested. In light of the amendments to the claims and the above arguments in favor of patentability, the applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Sincerely yours,



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